30th October 1933]

Withdrawal of forest concessions in South Kanara.

* 122. *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are villages in South Kanara where forest concessions have been existing without the forest village system; and what the said concessions are and in which villages they have been existing;

(*b*) whether any of such concessions which the villagers have been enjoying have been withdrawn or are going to be withdrawn; if so, which of the concessions are to be withdrawn and for what reasons; and

(*c*) whether such concessions are allowed or are going to be allowed in villages from which forest panchayats are withdrawn; if not, for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 743 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd March 1933. The concessions were extended to all the reserves in the South Kanara district.

(*b*) The withdrawal is in respect of all the concessions. They were withdrawn because they were reported to have been much abused.

(*c*) Panchayats under the forest village system have not been withdrawn. The question of withdrawal does not therefore arise.

Proceedings of a meeting held on the 11*th July* 1933 *at Nayakanakatte in Coondapoor taluk, regarding certain forest grievances.*

* 123 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the proceedings of a meeting held on the 11th July 1933 at Nayakanakatte in Coondapoor taluk;

(*b*) whether they have considered the grievances set forth in the resolutions passed at the meeting; and

(*c*) whether they propose to restore the concessions which the people had in the matter of removing manure leaves and fuel from the reserves?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Government have enquired and found out that the ryots living in the vicinity of the reserved forests depend on manure leaves from those forests for their cultivation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Government are not aware of it."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall look into the matter."

Prisons and Prisoners

Police surveillance of Mappilla prisoners released before the expiry of their term of imprisonment.

* 124 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any conditions have been imposed on those Mappillas who were convicted of offences connected with the Malabar Rebellion of 1921 and who have been released by the Government before the expiry of their terms;

(*b*) if so, what those conditions are;

(*c*) whether such Mappillas are required to present themselves before the police periodically at the respective police stations of their residence, after their return to Malabar;

(*d*) if so, whether the period during which they are so required to present themselves before the police is more than the period during which such Mappillas would have had to remain in prison, if no remission had been made;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that many such Mappillas who are so released reside in places which are at very great distance from the police station and that the periodical presentation of themselves at the police station causes great hardship to such Mappillas; and

(*f*) whether the Government have considered the advisability of requiring such Mappillas to present themselves before the adhikari of their respective amsams or any responsible Government officers in their respective amsams, instead of requiring them to present themselves at the police stations?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The conditions are—

(1) that they shall remain of good behaviour; and

(2) that they shall report themselves once a month at a police station to be specified by the District Magistrate of Malabar up to the date on which they would normally have been released.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) & (*f*) No general complaint on the point has been received by Government. Where, however, it has been found that men are unable to move about on account either of old age, ill-health or other causes, Government have on the recommendation of the District Magistrate of Malabar either exempted them wholly from reporting themselves to the police periodically or ordered them to report themselves to the amsam adhikari instead of to the police.